

PATENT APPLICATION/PCT
Attorney Docket No. 1217-012124

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Hachirou KUSHIDA : TABLEWARE, PROCESS FOR SURFACE
Yutaka FUKUMURA : TREATMENT THEREOF, SUBSTRATE
Yukio MIYA : HAVING HARD DECORATIVE COATING
FILM, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE
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